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Dear Parents, Carers, Alumni and Friends,

As we come to the end of what has been a truly successful and busy autumn term, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the staff and students on accomplishing so much in a short space of time. With highlights such as the Winter and Year 7 concerts, the traditional Camden School for Girls sixth form production, the fundraising events and so much more, not to mention the highest quality of academic delivery and engagement, I am incredibly proud of what we have achieved.

I would also like to thank you, our families, for your continued support throughout the term. Your encouragement at home and your strong partnership with the school make a significant difference to our students' confidence and success, and builds on our strong sense of community.

As the festive season approaches, I hope the Christmas holiday provides you with time to rest, celebrate and enjoy the time together. On behalf of everyone at Camden School for Girls, I wish you a very happy Christmas and a peaceful and healthy New Year.

Warm wishes

Kateryna Law



GCSE Art

Christmas Card GCSE Artwork

This is a small selection of works from the Year 11s.



Duke of Edinburgh

A Year of Achievement

We are delighted to celebrate the success of our students who have completed their Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) Bronze or Silver Awards this year. They have shown incredible commitment across all sections.

Students embraced a wide range of activities for their Skill and Volunteering sections, from Ballet and Tennis to learning French/Welsh and volunteering in charity shops, on farms, and at the school library.

The challenging Expedition was successfully completed: 3 days for Bronze and 7 days for Silver.

We extend a huge congratulations from the school to all students and their parents for their support.



Completed Awards

Silver (70% of the cohort so far)

Bronze (56% of the cohort so far)

For those yet to complete, there is still time. The benefits of the DofE Award are immense, offering a boost in confidence, life skills, and enjoyment!

Year 7 DT Textiles Club

Halloween Preparation

The lunch time DT textiles club has been using their hand sewing skills to make small products such as eco friendly facewashing pads and fabric sculpture pumpkins.

It is a good time to meet up with friends and explore how to cut out fabric shapes accurately and use hand sewing to join and gather fabric.

Once they have their sewing machine license then they can progress to making more complex things using the machine. Here are some of their fun pumpkins ready for decorating at this time of year.



Speakout Challenge

This December, CSG students took part in the Speak Out Challenge Regional Final, sharing original and insightful ideas.

Rijana, our head prefect and a former runner-up, had the honour of judging alongside professionals from various fields. Betty delivered a powerful speech on the objectification of women, while Eva exposed the invisibility of women in medicine and the lack of education about female bodies—earning her a well-deserved Runner Up award.

Eva later shared how the experience boosted her confidence and expressed gratitude to Ms Ronayne and everyone who supported her. Congratulations to Eva and all the Year 10 participants, whose bravery and thoughtful perspectives made us immensely proud.





Jack Petchey

CSG Students Shine at Jack Petchey Award Ceremony

A few weeks ago, several of our students (Nina, Zikun, Ramlo, Rijana and Zoe) proudly represented Camden School for Girls at a special Jack Petchey Award ceremony. Nominated by their teachers for their outstanding achievements and contributions to school life, the students joined young people from across London to celebrate dedication, talent and community spirit. Congratulations to all!



Year 12 Art

A Level Art and Photography

This year's artwork reflects the high level of talent amongst the CSG artists. This is a small selection of works from the Year 13s.





Duke of Edinburgh

Duke of Edinburgh Sixth Form

Over the recent October half-term, a dedicated group of CSG Sixth Form students from Years 12 and 13 embarked on their Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award training expedition in the Brecon Beacons, a mountain range in South Wales.

The six-day expedition was a comprehensive challenge, comprising two intensive training days led by the excellent mountain leaders, Vicky and Ally, followed by two independent days where the groups navigated a pre-planned route.

Among the many highlights, students enjoyed interacting with the amazing local wildlife, spotting wild horses, and navigating through copious amounts of bracken, occasionally propelled by the wind at the top of the black mountains.

Undoubtedly, the journey presented its difficult moments, with cold weather and other challenges testing the students' resolve. However, the experience was a profound success, with all participants returning to London stronger, both mentally and physically. This expedition served as an invaluable opportunity, thoroughly preparing them for the upcoming assessed expedition scheduled for the Easter holiday.

Key advice and lessons learned from the team include:

- Always remember to pack essential items like gloves
- Ensure all food supplies are well within their expiration date
- A tub of butter is best left at home



Sixth Form Assembly Speakers

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Sixth form hosted a diverse range of assembly speakers this term, including Stephen Mangan - Actor, comedian, presenter and writer, Pedro Gill, creative architect, and Kateryna Law – WHeadteacher.



Art Trip

Year 13 Art Drawing Day at the National Gallery and National Portrait Gallery



The aim of the trip was for students to add valuable observational and contextual material to their latest coursework project titled 'Triptych'. Students drew inspiration from the museums' many paintings and artifacts as well as from the buildings and locality itself. It was clear that the students were engaged with the process and they produced some great observational sketches on the day.





Art History Success

Art History Success at the Articulation Competition

On Wednesday 3 December, the Camden School for Girls Art History Department took part in the North London Heat of the Articulation competition, hosted this year at Highgate School.

The adjudicator, Isobel Wilcox-Mahon from the Victoria and Albert Museum, praised the Camden students for the high quality of their research, their intellectual rigour, and the clarity and confidence of their delivery. Dr Judith Jammers of Highgate School also remarked that all the presentations from Camden were “brilliant,” highlighting the strength and maturity of the students’ work.

Camden was represented by three students: Mylo, Robyn, and Tilly, each offering a distinctive and thoughtful exploration of their chosen artwork.

Isobel commended Mylo for his insightful analysis of Jean-Michel Basquiat’s *Bird on Money*, drawing out its connections to jazz, synaesthesia, and the legacy of Charlie Parker. His presentation demonstrated a strong grasp of both the artwork’s visual language and its broader cultural context.

She also praised Robyn for her powerful examination of 1980s Newcastle poverty as depicted through Tish Murtha’s social-realist photography. Robyn’s talk combined sensitive analysis with a clear understanding of the political and social issues that shaped Murtha’s work.

Camden’s winner, Tilly, delivered a compelling and meticulously researched presentation on Rocco Morabito’s *The Kiss of Life*. She explored its resonance with the work of paramedics, historical ideas surrounding lonely deaths, literary references such as *Frankenstein*, and aspects of 1960s US gay rights activism. Tilly’s exceptional presentation earned her a place in the Regional Heat at WThe Courtauld in January, where she will represent Camden in the next stage of the competition.

School Concerts

CSG School Concerts



The end of term is always a busy one for the music department with the Winter Concert on the 2nd of December and the Year 7 Concert on the 11th. Both this year were an amazing and varied display of student talent, featuring hundreds of performers from all year groups. The concerts showcased a variety of musical genres, from the Symphony Orchestra's beautiful performance of Elgar's Enigma Variations, conducted brilliantly by ex CSG student, Jess Hoskins, to the lively Junior Choir, Strings and Jazz Band. Other highlights included the first performance from the newly formed Acapella Choir, and a captivating performance of Strauss Violin Sonata by Dora Bottrill. The Winter concert, blending classical and contemporary music, was a huge success, celebrating the diverse musical abilities within the school.

The year 7 concert was no less impressive with the whole year group involved in a celebration of Latin Music featuring a massed Samba Band and a variety of songs from Stevie Wonder to Lin-Manuel Miranda. Year 7 were joined by choirs from Brecknock and Torriano primary schools, which we hope will be the start of many future collaborations.

Both concerts were a resounding success and a celebration of the diverse musical talents within our school. A massive thank you to the entire Music Department.





Much Ado About Nothing

Sixth Form Production – Much Ado About Nothing

On the 17th and 18th of December, the sixth form will be putting on a memorable performance of Much Ado About Nothing.

Shakespeare's comedy entwines the stories of two sets of lovers, the innocent Hero and Claudio, and Beatrice and Benedick, whose barbed wordplay disguises their real feelings. Dastardly plotting and an incompetent amateur police force add to the fun, alongside a string of live 1980s songs performed by our fantastic student bands.



The cast will be supported by an amazing and dedicated team of their peers stage managing, running the lighting and sound, and creating wonderful props and fantastic makeup and costume looks.

It promises to be a fantastic experience for all involved and huge thanks to the Drama department and the cast for all their very hard work and dedication.

Look out for more pictures in our next Newsletter.



Macmillan

Macmillan Coffee Morning - Bake Sale Raises £1,197

We held a hugely successful cake sale involving parents, students, staff and Friends all getting involved. The main hall was bustling with excitement and everyone enjoyed their slice of cake (or two!)





CASCA Jumble Sale raises £11,500 for the school

Thank You to All Our Parents and Volunteers from the CSG Jumble Sale Committee

A heartfelt thank you to every parent, carer, member of staff and friend of the school who donated items, lent a hand, or gave their time to this year's Jumble Sale. Your generosity, energy and enthusiasm made the event not only a tremendous success but a joyful occasion for the whole school community.



Every penny of the £11,500 raised goes directly toward supporting our school and its students.

This year also saw the introduction of a new recycling system, ensuring that all unsold items were passed on to local charities—extending the positive impact of the event even further.

A special thank you goes to our wonderful school staff for their constant support from start to finish. In particular, Matt, Brendan, Karen, Lynn and Sarah—your dedication and hard work make this event possible each year, and we are truly grateful.



Casca

CASCA Christmas Trees, Wreaths & Puddings raise £2000

Beautiful hand made wreaths were offered again this year together with Christmas Trees, Puddings and Sloe Gin made by a CSG parent. Thank you to all the CASCA volunteers who made this happen. We raised £2000 from our annual Christmas tree sale. Thank you parents and friends for supporting the school!

G parent. There is still time to buy a CSG Christmas pudding by contacting casca@csg.school





Alumni

100 CLUB

Our recently formed CSG club for Alumni and Friends is up and running with a growing number of members who are committed supporters of the school!. To become a member of the 100 Club we request a minimum donation of £100 per year (monthly direct debit of £ 8.33) which will directly help support the school in all it offers to all pupils.

All donors will be acknowledged at Founders Day, so please JOIN our honorary members, Dame Emma Thompson, Emeritus Professor Dame Athene Donald and Fiona Millar, and become part of the CLUB!.





The Guilty Feminist

COMING UP ON THURSDAY JANUARY 29TH (Postponed from November)



Join us for an evening of laughter, inspiration, and feminist fire as The Guilty Feminist comes to Camden School for Girls for a special live fundraiser recording.

Hosted by Deborah Frances-White, creator of the hit global podcast, the event celebrates our shared feminist goals—and the brilliant, funny, and occasionally guilty ways we try to meet them. She'll be joined by the extraordinary Kate Mosse CBE FRSL, bestselling novelist, activist, and founder of the Women's Prize, who will launch her new book *Feminist History for Every Day of the Year*.

Our Guest: Kate Mosse

A leading champion of women's stories, Kate's new book highlights 366 inspiring women and girls—from Mary Anning to Simone Biles and Malala Yousafzai—reminding us why representation and storytelling matter. Her work in literature and activism has earned wide acclaim, including the British Book Awards' Social Impact Award and a CBE in 2024.

About The Guilty Feminist

Since 2015, the podcast has become a global sensation with over 200 million downloads and live shows at iconic venues worldwide. Blending comedy, honesty, and activism, it explores issues from body image to climate justice in an inclusive, joyful space. Past guests include Gillian Anderson, Phoebe Waller-Bridge, and CSG alumna Emma Thompson.

All proceeds will support initiatives that empower and inspire students at Camden School for Girls.

Tickets available @ <https://www.zeffy.com/en-GB/ticketing/podcast>



Obituaries

In memoriam

Conor Gearty

The school was saddened to learn of the sudden death on 11 September of Conor Gearty, a friend and great supporter of the school. He was parent to Eliza and Owen who both attended the school, and for many years a very active Governor.

Conor's legendary eloquence, charm, intelligence and wit leavened Governors meetings and indeed any conversation. A leading authority on Human Rights, for a number of years he was the keynote speaker at the Sixth-Form induction week, and students were dazzled by his nimble arguments and turns of phrase. His passing is a great loss to the school and the wider community and our thoughts are with his family.



<https://www.theguardian.com/law/2025/sep/18/conor-gearty-obituary>



Spring Term

January

Monday 5 January	First day of the Spring Term
5 – 12 January	Year 13 Mock Exams
Monday 12 January	Year 8 Parents' Evening, 5-7pm
Tuesday 13 January	Inset Day
Thursday 23 January	Year 11 parents online session Learning to Learn
Tuesday 27 January	Year 7 Parents' Evening, 5-7pm

February

Tuesday 11 February	Year 13 parents online session Learning to Learn
Thursday 12 February	Year 9 Parents' Evening, 5-7pm
16-20 February	Half Term Break



Support the school

An enormous thank you for all your donations. We could not make all these events and opportunities happen without your support. Camden School for Girls continues to face significant and ongoing cuts to its funding. As a voluntary aided school, we rely on your support to keep the high-quality provision at the school. If you wish to support the school we now have a very easy to use CAFdonate page available [here](#) or you can scan the QR code.

